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SUBJ: EMBASSY TRAVEL - JUNE

REF: MOSCOW 8974

1. EMBASSY TRAVEL CONDITIONS CONTINUE LITTLE CHANGED WITH DE FACTO CLOSING OF TECHNICALLY OPEN AREAS SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCING ACTUAL LAND AREA OF THE SOVIET UNION WHICH EMBASSY TRAVELERS ARE PERMITTED TO VISIT. SURGE IN EMBASSY TRAVEL PRIMARILY A RESULT OF SUMMERTIME INFLUX OF EMBASSY DEPENDENTS AND GUESTS RATHER THAN RISE IN OFFICIAL TRAVEL.

2. EMBASSY TRAVEL STATISTICS FOR JUNE 1976 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

REQUESTS	DESTINATIONS	TRAVELERS	SELF- CANCELLED	REFUSED/ ALTERED
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EXCEPTIONS REQUESTED:

24 HOUR 48 HOUR CLOSED AREA

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EXCEPTIONS DENIED:

24 HOUR 48 HOUR CLOSED AREA

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3. SINGLE CLOSED AREA EXCEPTION REQUESTED WAS REFUSED FOR COUNSELOR BENSON AND FAMILY TO VISIT BOYHOOD RESIDENCE AT MALAKHOVKA, A SUBURB OF MOSCOW.

4. MFA PROTOCOL HAS IN EFFECT PERMANENTLY CLOSED MOST OF VLADIMIRSKAYA AND IVANOVSKAYA OBLASTS BY REFUSING EMBASSY ATTEMPTS TO EITHER VISIT OR TO TRANSIT AREA NORTHE OF VLADIMIR, SOUTH OF YARASLAVL' AND KOSTROMA AND SOUTHEAST OF ZAGORSK. LATEST EXAMPLES WERE (A) REFUSAL OF WIFE OF FIRST SECRETARY WILKINSON TO TRAVEL YARASLAVL' TO VLADIMIR JUNE 18 AND TURNDOWN OF FIRST SECRETARY SIMONS AND FAMILY TO VISIT YURIEV POLSKIY JUNE 23. IN FORMER CASE, MRS. WILKINSON WAS REQUIRED TO RETURN TO MOSCOW FROM YARASLAVL' BEFORE PROCEEDING TO VLADIMIR. FIRST SECRETARY SIMONS WAS SIMPLY INFORMED THAT YURIEV POLSKIY WAS A CLOSED AREA THOUGH OUR MAPS CLEARLY INDICATE IT IS NOT. MFA PROTOCOL HAS YET TO RESPOND TO OUR REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION, POSSIBLY DUE TO THE ABSENCE ON LEAVE OF THE OFFICER PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR U.S. TRAVEL MATTERS.

5. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON RETALIATION.
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